

Hon. Richard A. Jones

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

S.M.F.,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant(s).

NO. 2:22-cv-01193-RAJ

ORDER SETTING TRIAL DATE
AND RELATED DATES

BENCH TRIAL DATE

JANUARY 12, 2026

Length of Trial

15 days

Deadline for Joining Additional Parties

March 29, 2024

Deadline to File Amended Pleadings

January 14, 2025

Expert Witness Disclosure/Reports
Under FRCP 26(a)(2) Due

February 14, 2025

Deadline to Complete Discovery

May 2, 2025

All motions related to discovery must be noted
on the motion calendar no later than the Friday
before discovery closes pursuant to
LCR 7(d)(3)

All dispositive motions and motions
challenging expert witness testimony
must be filed by

June 6, 2025

All motions *in limine* must be filed by

November 14, 2025

Agreed Pretrial Order due

December 29, 2025

Pretrial conference

To be set by the Court

Trial briefs, deposition designations, and
trial exhibits due

January 5, 2026

These are firm dates that can be changed only by order of the Court, not by agreement of counsel or the parties. The Court will alter these dates only upon good cause shown. If the trial date assigned to this matter creates an irreconcilable conflict, counsel must notify Victoria Ericksen, Courtroom Deputy, by email at victoria_ericksen@wawd.uscourts.gov within 10 days of the date of this Order and must set forth the exact nature of the conflict. A failure to do so will be deemed a waiver. Counsel must be prepared to begin trial on the date scheduled, but it should be understood that the trial may have to await the completion of other cases.

Counsel are directed to review Judge Jones' Chambers Procedures at <https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/judges/jones-procedures>. Counsel are expected to abide by the requirements set forth therein. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of sanctions.

ALTERATIONS TO FILING PROCEDURES

Counsel are required to electronically file all documents with the Court. Pro se litigants may file either electronically or in paper form. Information and procedures for electronic filing can be found on the Western District of Washington's website at <https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/attorneys/cmecf>.

The following alteration to the Filing Procedures applies in all cases pending before Judge Jones:

Mandatory Courtesy Copies for Chambers: Courtesy copies are only required for filings of administrative records, and for all civil documents over 50 pages. The paper

1 copy of the documents (binders with tabs or other organizing aids as necessary) shall be
2 delivered to the Clerk's Office by 12:00 p.m. on the business day after filing. The
3 chambers copy must be clearly marked with the words "Courtesy Copy of Electronic
4 Filing for Chambers." The parties are required to print all courtesy copies from CM/ECF
5 using the "Include headers when displaying PDF documents" feature under "Document
6 Options." This requirement does not apply to pleadings filed under seal.

7 COOPERATION

8 As required by LCR 37(a), all discovery matters are to be resolved by agreement, if
9 possible. Counsel and the parties are further directed to cooperate in preparing the final
10 Pretrial Order in the format required by LCR 16.1.

11 SETTLEMENT

12 Should this case settle, counsel shall notify Victoria Ericksen as soon as possible at
13 victoria_ericksen@wawd.uscourts.gov. An attorney or party who fails to give the Court
14 prompt notice of settlement may be subject to such discipline as the Court deems
15 appropriate.

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17 DATED: November 22, 2023.

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20 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
21 United States District Judge
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